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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN GOLDEN HILL

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred in Golden Hill.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., patrol officers were dispatched to a report of an armed robbery at the market located at 1148 25th Street. As officers were establishing a perimeter and checking for the suspect, witnesses directed the officers to a male who was walking northbound on 25th Street, stating that he was the robbery suspect. According to the victim(s) of the robbery, the suspect was armed with a handgun. One officer exited his patrol car and approached the suspect, ordering him to stop. The suspect refused the officers orders and continued to walk away. At this point, the officer was about 15 feet behind the suspect. The suspect abruptly turned around and pointed a handgun at the officer. The officer, fearing for his life, fired his handgun striking the suspect in the abdominal area.

The suspect, 23, was transported to a local trauma center where he died at 12:11 a.m. He has been identified but his name is being withheld pending family notification.

The officer involved in the shooting is a 13-year veteran of the department.

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